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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A personal computer system for maintaining trust in [[the]] content of a digital data file, comprising:

a personal computer having installed therein a trusted time source to provide a certifiable time for an unalterable time stamp, wherein said certifiable time confirms at least one of said digital data file's access, creation, modification, receipt, or transmission;

means for receiving a request to save said digital data file from a user;

first means for saving said digital data file at a moment in time;

means for retrieving from said trusted time source a date and a time corresponding to said moment in time, wherein said moment in time is substantially ~~the current~~ a current time of said trusted time source corresponding to receipt of said request;

first means for appending said date and said time retrieved from said trusted time source to said digital data file;

first means for signing said digital data file with said date and said time retrieved from said trusted time source appended thereto;

means for hashing said digital data file to produce a digest;

second means for signing said digest with a key to produce a certificate;

second means for appending said certificate to said digital data file;

second means for saving said digital data file with said certificate appended thereto; and

means for verifying trust in the content of said digital data file with said certificate appended thereto.

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